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With its beaches and public amenities, Vancouver has been ranked No. 3 on the 2014 Economist Intelligence Unit's Global Liveability Ranking. KATE WEBB/METRO FILE

We're still not No. 1 in world

If you don't like it, move to Melbourne.

Vancouver has either fallen from glory or is the pride of North America, depending on your perspective on the latest Global Liveability Ranking

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Vancouver's ranking on the latest list of the most livable cities in the world is either No. 1 in North America with a bullet, or No. 3 in the world and falling.

It depends on which local political party you ask.

The results of the Economist Intelligence Unit's Global Liveability Ranking, released Tuesday morning, have Vancouver at No. 3 in the world, behind No. 1 Melbourne, Australia, and No. 2 Vienna, Austria.

It's the fourth straight time the city has come in third, after having occupied the No. 1 position from 2004 to 2011.

Hours after the rankings came out, NPA Coun. George Affleck tweeted, "Vancouver was #1 city in the world but lost it in 2011. B/C Vision didn't take care of our infrastructure. #vanpoli."

The tweet was an apparent reference to the 2011 rankings report, which cited traffic problems — including, curiously, the 22-hour-long shutdown of Vancouver Island's Malahat Highway in April of that year — as responsible for Vancouver's fall from the top spot.

The governing Vision Vancouver weighed in on the results a little over 90 minutes after Affleck, tweeting, "WOW! #Vancouver is North America's most livable city, says @TheEIU. Wow!"

The Global Liveability Ranking, compiled by a research division of The Economist magazine's parent company, assesses cities' living conditions by assigning numerical values to dozens of factors in five principle categories: Stability, health care, culture and environment, education, and infrastructure. The numbers are then aggregated and weighted to arrive at an overall score out of 100.

Toronto, in fourth place, and Calgary, in fifth place, were the other Canadian cities ranked in this year's top 10, which also includes the Australian cities Adelaide, Sydney and Perth, as well as Helsinki, Finland, and Auckland, New Zealand.

At the bottom of this year's list: Damascus, Syria, ranked the least livable of the 140 cities assessed.

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Mount Polley effect

Nuclear watchdog orders safety checks in wake of tailings pond breach

A toxic spill from a British Columbia mine has prompted the country's nuclear watchdog to request a series of checks at uranium facilities.

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission will discuss the failure of the tailings pond at the Mount Polley gold and copper mine during a meeting Wednesday.

In the interim, the commission has asked the uranium mining and milling operations it oversees to ensure that all necessary inspections and monitoring are in compliance with licence conditions.

"The recent tailings dam breach that occurred at the Mount Polley mine in British Columbia on Aug. 4, 2014, has raised awareness of issues associated with tailings impoundments," said a letter sent to Areva Resources, Cameco Corp., Rio Algom, Willet Green Miller, P.J. Brugger and Associates, EWL Management Ltd. and Denison Mines Inc.

"This is a reminder that vigilance must be maintained by ensuring that tailings dams continue to be properly designed, constructed, operated, maintained and monitored to prevent such occurrences."

The companies were asked to confirm that mitigation measures are in place in the event of a tailings breach, to confirm the safety of tailings facilities and to report any identified gaps to the commission by Sept. 15. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Justice Minister Peter MacKay arrives for a news briefing at a government office in Vancouver on Tuesday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tories still mulling over looser pot laws

MacKay talks Mary Jane. Justice minister says more lenient laws still on the table, while Mulcair criticizes '1950s approach'

The federal government is still assessing whether to allow police to ticket people caught with small amounts of marijuana instead of pursuing charges, says Justice Minister Peter MacKay.

But if the government were to introduce looser pot laws, it would have to happen sooner rather than later, MacKay said Tuesday ahead of a meeting with law-enforcement experts in Vancouver.

"With some eight justice bills right now in the House or in the queue to come before Parliament, we're running out of runway as far as bringing legislation forward," he said.

"But that's one that I do view as important, so if we are going to introduce it, it would have to happen within the next six months."

MacKay said he has been speaking with police and his staff have been looking at other jurisdictions, including in the U.S., to see whether ticketing for pot possession is an effective option.

Canada's police chiefs have long called for such a move. Last year, the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police said that under current laws, the only option that officers have when confronted with simple possession of pot is to either turn a blind eye or pursue charges, which often results in a lengthy court process.

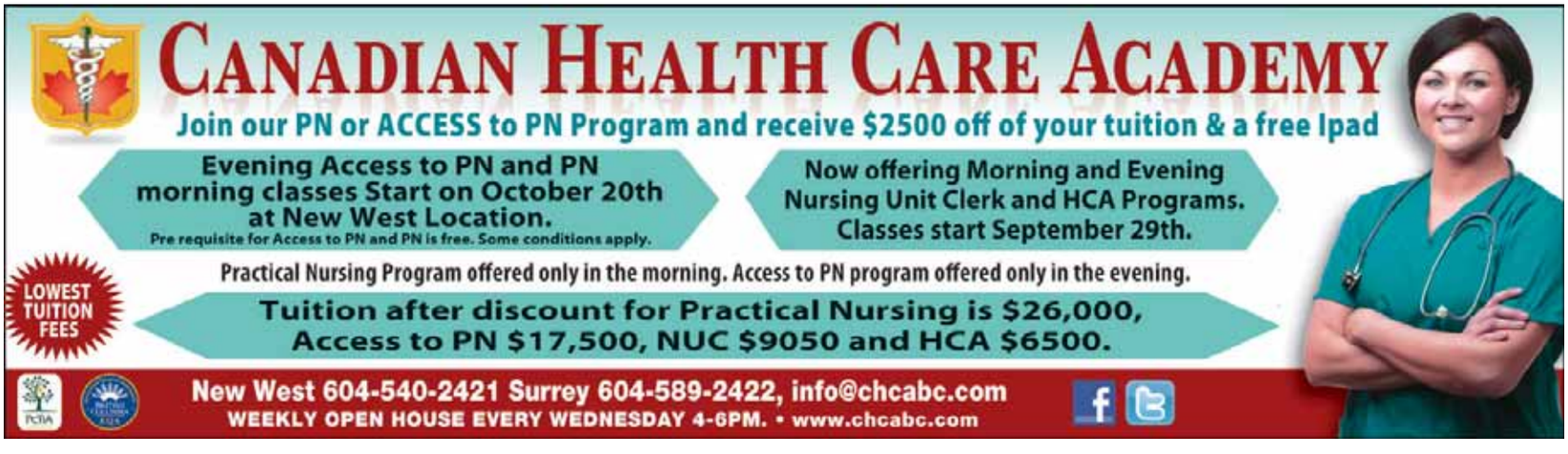
MacKay has already said the government was taking that into consideration.

But he stressed again Tuesday that the government remains opposed to decriminalizing or legalizing marijuana.

"I don't believe that the position of others to normalize marijuana, to make it more available to young people, is the direction you will ever see coming from our government," he said.

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau supports legalization. The Opposition NDP supports decriminalization, which means the sale of marijuana would not be fully legalized, but consumers would not be criminally prosecuted.

"The Conservatives are taking a very 1950s approach ... to convince themselves about the problem," New Democrat Leader Thomas Mulcair said during a visit to Vancouver on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS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Street pianos looking for indoor homes

Yasuo Terasaka from Japan plays a public piano. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

Play it again. Keys to the Streets project may be ending, but organizers hope pianos can still be used

Vancouver's street pianos were such a hit this summer that organizers plan to move the colourful instruments to indoor public spaces so musicians can continue to play over the winter.

The second annual Keys to the Streets project, where 10 public pianos are placed in public spaces around the city for passersby to play, is wrapping up next week in anticipation of the rainy season, organizer Jennifer Vallee said.

Organizers are looking for homes for the pianos near their locations, she said. "No one wants to see it go away," Vallee said.

Indeed, organizers have been inundated with offers of piano donations. Unfortunately they don't have space for them all, Vallee said.

While neighbours loved the idea of pianos at Dude Chilling Park and Main and 21st Avenue, the project hit a rough note when some musicians insisted on playing at inappropriate hours, even after lids were locked at night.

Evenually, both pianos were moved.

A celebration will be held for the Keys to the Streets project at the Spyglass ferry dock on Aug. 26 from 6 to 10 p.m.

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Investigation. Police warn women after two attempted sex assaults

A woman escaped a sex assault in South Surrey by head-butting her attacker Monday night, police said.

The incident prompted Surrey Mounties to warn women in the area. It's the second attempted sex assault to occur in less than two weeks, police said — the first happened in White Rock around 11 days ago.

The Monday attack happened around 9:40 p.m., when a stranger jumped a 38-year-old woman from behind on a trail in Alderwood Park, according to a statement from Surrey RCMP.

The man uttered threats, threw the woman to the ground, tried to remove her clothing and attempted to drag her to the bushes, police said, adding the woman was able to head-butt the man in the nose and scratch him in several places before escaping and calling police.

The man fled the area and has not yet been caught.

Police describe the man as being six feet tall, with dark hair. He was between 35 and 42 years old.

The man was last seen wearing dark baggy pants, a large square belt buckle, a dark hoodie with a string and a dark ball cap. He may have sustained injuries during the attack including black eyes, a broken nose or scratches, police said.

Investigators noticed similarities between this attack and the attempted sex assault in White Rock — where White Rock RCMP said a 40-year-old woman was walking her dog when she was accosted by a man, who witnesses later saw being chased away by a small dog.

Police are treating the case as an attempted sexual assault, but have not been able to conclusively link the incidents at this early stage in the investigation.

Anyone with information about either attack is asked to call Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Flying high. YVR ranked Canada's most efficient airport, fourth in world

Frequent-flying Vancouverites will be chuffed to know YVR is the most efficient airport in Canada.

The Vancouver International Airport is also the fourth-most efficient airport in the world, according to an annual global study of 200 airports from UBC's Sauder School of Business.

The study measures how much output (passenger and aircraft movements) an airport gets compared to its input (employees, terminal size, runways), Prof. Tae Oum explained. The more efficient the airport, the cheaper the fees for passengers and airlines, Oum said.

Atlanta has the best run airport in the world, but Vancouver has topped Canada's rankings since Oum started the study in 2002. YVR generates a lot of revenue from non-aeronautic sources such as their shops and concessions, he said.

Calgary, Edmonton and Victoria also have very efficient airports. Absent from the list is Toronto Pearson International Airport, which asked not to be included in the ranking, Oum said. Toronto's airport has some of the highest costs in North America, he added.

EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Brain size of fish linked to their parental duties: Study

Male sticklebacks. Researchers found that fish that care for offspring have larger brains than fish that don't

Size does matter, at least when it comes to the parental duties in one species of fish.

Researchers at the University of B.C. studying male stickleback fish found that those who care for their offspring have larger brains than their counterparts that don't protect their young.

"This suggests that regular sticklebacks have bigger brains to handle the brain power needed to care for and protect their young," said lead author Kieran Samuk, a PhD student in UBC's Department of Zoology.

Stickleback fish are known in the animal world for the fact that the male of the species, rather than the female, care for the offspring. Male sticklebacks also typically have larger brains than females, and researchers wanted to find out if the size difference might be linked to their parental role.

To test their theory, researchers compared the regular male sticklebacks to male white sticklebacks, a form of the fish that do not tend to their offspring. While regular male sticklebacks will work to protect the female's eggs after she lays them, Samuk said male white sticklebacks will take the eggs and spit them out far away from the nest.

"Instead of caring for the eggs in a nest, they hide them so then the male doesn't have to do any of his normal parent stuff," he said.

Measuring the difference in brain size between the two types of fish, Samuk said the researchers found evidence that white male stickleback's change in behaviour — giving up caring for their young — took place at the same time that the fish evolved a smaller brain.

The study was published in July's issue of Ecology and Evolution. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

A fishy father

"Instead of caring for the eggs in a nest, (male white sticklebacks) hide them so then the male doesn't have to do any of his normal parent stuff."

Kieran Samuk, PhD student in UBC's Department of Zoology

Guess they were out of brains

Tim "Gravy" Brown chows down on some poutine at the ridiculously named Smoke's Poutinerie World Famous Great Canadian Cross Country Plaid Gravy Train Fries Curd & Gravy Weird Wild and Wacky Poutine Eating Tour 2014, on Aug. 19 at the Rio Theatre in Vancouver. The event was zombie-themed and featured poutine giveaways, as well as a professional eating contest. STEFANIA SECCIA/FOR METRO

Burnaby Mountain

NEB rules in favour of Kinder Morgan in Burnaby dispute

The National Energy Board has sided with Kinder Morgan in a dispute with the City of Burnaby over access to Burnaby Mountain.

The company can proceed with necessary studies of its preferred Trans Mountain pipeline route through the mountain without the city's consent.

In a decision released Tuesday, the National Energy Board confirmed that under federal legislation the company doesn't need permission to access the land that is home to Simon Fraser University and a vast nature preserve.

"It would not be logical that the Board be required to recommend approval or denial of a project without all necessary information before it," the board said in a decision posted online. "This would not be in the public interest."

Kinder Morgan would prefer to bore its pipeline through the mountain, rather than follow the current pipeline route through residential and business areas.

The federal National Energy Board Act stipulates that a company may enter into the land of any person that lies on the intended route to survey or otherwise ascertain whether the land is suitable, the board found.

The dispute has already caused a seven-month delay in the regulatory process.

The board panel will not have its final report to cabinet until Jan. 25, 2016. Under the original schedule, the report was due July 2, 2015.

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Ferguson leaders 'plan to learn from this tragedy'

Calm urged. Officials say they're looking for ways to increase black police applicants

Ferguson's leaders urged residents Tuesday to stay home after dark to "allow peace to settle in" and pledged to reconnect with the predominantly black community in the St. Louis suburb where the fatal shooting of an unarmed black 18-year-old by a white police officer has sparked nightly clashes between protesters and law enforcement.

According to a statement from the city, officials have been exploring how to increase the number of African-American applicants to the law enforcement academy and raise funds for cameras that would be attached to patrol car dashboards and officers' vests.

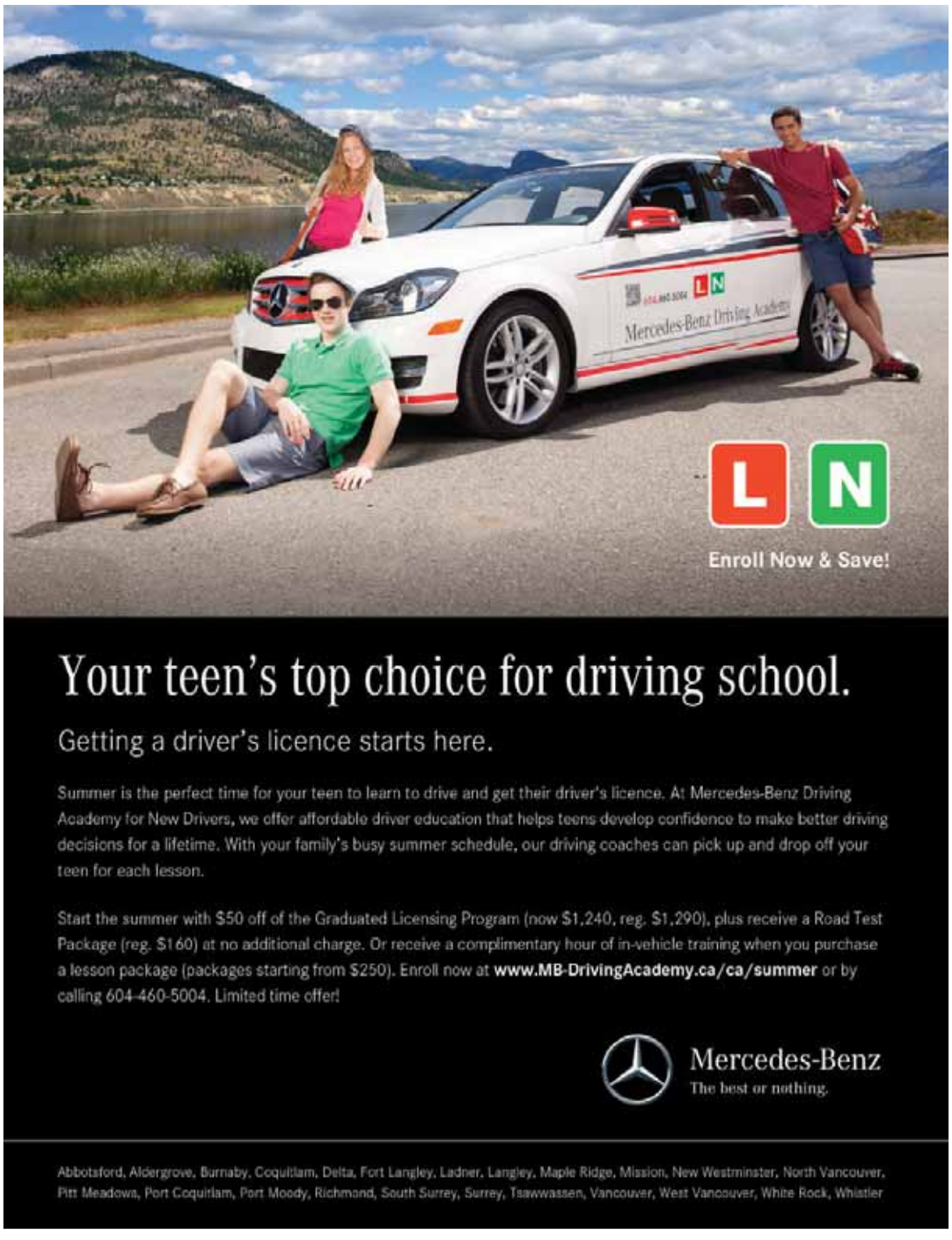
"We plan to learn from this tragedy," the leaders said in the statement Tuesday.

The National Guard arrived in Ferguson this week but kept its distance from the streets during another night of unrest. Protesters filled the streets after nightfall Monday, and officers fired tear gas and flash grenades.

Capt. Ron Johnson of the Missouri Highway Patrol, who is in charge of security in Ferguson, said bottles and Molotov cocktails were thrown from the crowd and some officers had come under heavy gunfire. At least two people were shot and 31 were arrested, he said.

A large crowd also gathered Tuesday in nearby St. Louis after officers, responding to a report of a store robbery, shot and killed a knife-wielding man. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Missouri National Guard troops are deployed to protect a police command centre on Tuesday in Ferguson, Mo. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES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Hundreds rally in Halifax to support Ferguson protesters

Dressed in her white and black collar with a silver cross dangling from her neck, Rev. Dr. Rhonda Britton marched with her hands raised above her head, as her voice resounded with a cry for justice.

"Who am I?" she chanted.

"Mike Brown," the crowd of nearly 500 people shouted back.

The pastor of Cornwallis Street Baptist Church in Halifax, along with other elders and youth from the city's black community, led a march through downtown Halifax on Tuesday evening to show solidarity with the town of Ferguson, Mo., following the shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown.

Brown was unarmed when he was shot by a Missouri police officer after allegedly stealing cigars from a grocery store with a friend.

Rally organizer El Jones said she sees a strong connection between the teenager's death and the long history of racism and injustice that has plagued Nova Scotia's black community.

"Violence doesn't have to be in the form of a gun to be violent," she said. "Racism happens in covert ways as well as overt ways."

From the destruction of Africville to today's high rates of poverty and crime, Jones believes it's time for black people to come together and raise their voice for change.

Members of the crowd — which included black, white and other races — held signs that read, "hands up, don't shoot," and "it could have been me."

They eventually gathered in front of the United States Consulate to hear different speakers share their experiences of racism, where Britton left the crowd with a message of hope.

"We are one world, one people, one human race and every single one of us has value," she said.

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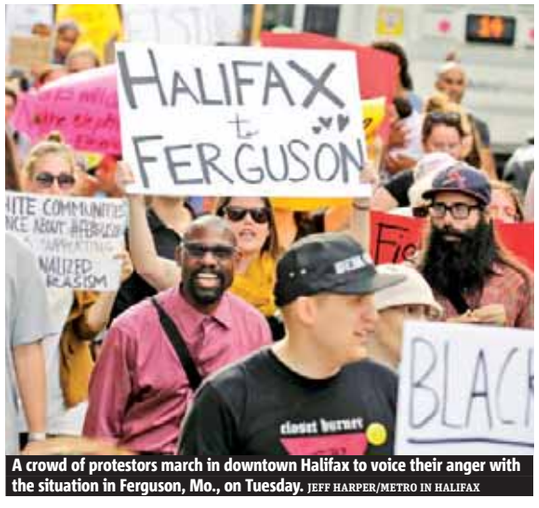

A crowd of protestors march in downtown Halifax to voice their anger with the situation in Ferguson, Mo., on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

Death of aboriginal girl renews calls for inquiry

Tina Fontaine. She had been in Winnipeg less than a month when she ran away from foster care

The death of a 15-year-old aboriginal girl found wrapped in a bag and dumped in the Red River is prompting renewed calls for a national inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women.

Tina Fontaine had been in Winnipeg less than a month when she ran away from foster care. Her petite body was discovered Sunday in the river and police are treating her death as a homicide.

Manitoba Aboriginal Affairs Minister Eric Robinson said his first thought when he heard about Tina's death was, "Not another one." For two decades, Robinson said, he's been working with aboriginal families who have lost daughters, sisters, aunts and mothers.

A national inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women is the only way many families will get the answers they deserve, Robinson suggested. So far, Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservative government has rebuffed all calls for such a probe.

"They don't view it as a priority," Robinson said. "I don't know what their policy advisers are telling them."

A spokeswoman for federal Justice Minister Peter MacKay said she was working on a response.

The discovery of her body has touched a nerve in Manitoba, where almost half the women who have been murdered since 1980 were aboriginal. A vigil to honour the teen was being planned for Tuesday evening near the docks where her body was found. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tina Fontaine is seen in this undated handout photo. WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Florida. Woman shoots her 7-year-old grandson after mistaking him for an intruder

Sheriff's deputies in Florida say a seven-year-old boy is in critical condition after his grandmother mistook him for an intruder and shot him. The shooting happened around 1 a.m. Tuesday in Tampa.

According to Hillsborough County Sheriff's officials, 63-year-old Linda Maddox and her twin grandsons were sleeping after their father had left for work. Maddox told deputies she had placed a chair against the bedroom door handle for extra protection.

When she heard the chair sliding against the floor, she assumed it was an intruder and grabbed a loaded .22-calibre revolver she keeps by the bed and fired one shot in the dark toward the door. Deputies say seconds later she heard the screams of her grandson Tyler Maddox. He was shot once in the upper body. He was taken to a hospital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

American journalist

Video appears to show James Foley's execution: Officials

Two U.S. officials say they believe American journalist James Foley was the victim executed by Islamic State militants as shown in a grisly video released Tuesday.

Separately, Foley's family confirmed his death in a statement posted on a webpage that was created to rally support for his release. In the statement, Foley's mother, Diane Foley, said her son "gave his life trying to expose the world to the suffering of the Syrian people."

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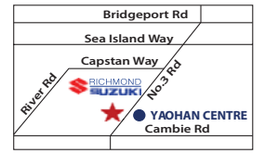

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Lax oversight before train derailment: Report

Lac-Mégantic, Que.

Report finds 18 factors led to the death of 47 people last summer

The combination of a lack of government oversight and a penny-pinching railway contributed to the deadly oil-train disaster that devastated Lac-Mégantic, says a report tabled Tuesday by Canada's Transportation Safety Board.

The federal agency's report, the first comprehensive account of last summer's crash to be released to the public, identified 18 key factors it says led to the Quebec catastrophe.

Among them, the TSB pointed to roles it says were played by the Montreal, Maine and Atlantic Railway and Transport Canada in the tanker crash, an incident that came amid a growing pan-continental, oil-by-rail industry.

"Who was the guardian of public safety?" TSB chair Wendy Tadros said in Lac-Mégantic, where the report was unveiled.

"That is the role of government. To provide checks and balances — oversight. And yet this booming industry, where unit trains were shipping more and more oil across Canada and across the border, ran largely unchecked."

The agency launched its yearlong investigation after the MMA train broke loose from its parking spot uphill of Lac-Mégantic in July 2013 and crashed into the community, killing 47 people. Almost all of the 63 derailed tank cars, which were filled with volatile crude, ruptured in the derailment and set off huge explosions that were even spotted by satellites in space. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Workers comb through debris after a train derailed July 9, 2013, causing explosions of railway cars carrying crude oil in Lac-Mégantic, Que. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Former fashion student

Top-selling bag nets student $0, lawsuit alleges

A former New York fashion student is claiming in a federal lawsuit that she designed a backpack for Barnes & Noble and hasn't made any money off the top-selling bag.

Diana Rubio was a student at Manhattan's Fashion Institute of Technology when she designed the "everything backpack" in 2010. The Daily News reports the school had assigned Rubio to enter Barnes & Noble's "Back to Campus" contest.

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LIVABLE JUST A SYNONYM FOR AWESOME

JUST SAYIN'

Paul Sullivan
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It's that time of year again, when the Economist Intelligence Unit publishes its global livability survey — and the results set everyone's hair on fire.

This year, I'm writing from the world's No. 3 most livable city, Vancouver. Apparently, Vancouver's not as livable as No. 1 Melbourne (for the fourth year in a row) and No. 2 Vienna. Try the Sachertorte.

But it's more livable than No. 4 Toronto and No. 5 Calgary, which, if you're a Vancouverite, just makes sense. The Economist operatives must check out the contending cities in January, when it's hard to tell Toronto or Calgary from Tuktoyaktuk.

The cities are judged on five categories: stability, health care, education, infrastructure, culture and environment, which is why Damascus, Syria, is currently one of the world's least livable cities according to the Economist. It has none of the above.

Those of us blessed with an abundance of stability, etc. do have a tendency to look our gift horses in the mouth.

Some of the comments in the Melbourne Herald Sun sound as though being in the world's most livable city isn't so hot:

"This story does not mention the high unemployment rate, the difficulties in finding work and the shortage of jobs, it doesn't include information such as housing shortages or affordability," gripes commenter Susan.

Or this from Barry: "Who the hell judges these things? A perfect score for health? They would have to be joking."

Every year, denizens of real cities such as London or Paris dismiss such nonsense with an imperial flick of the wrist. To hear them tell it, "livable" is a synonym for "boring". Mind the gap!

I'm celebrating my 25th year in the world's third-most-livable land and I have to admit, there are days — when the cloud cover is a couple metres above my head, it's so wet the seagulls look like drowned rats with wings, and there's a 30-minute wait to get across the "scenic" Lions Gate Bridge — that I'd rather be in Calgary. At least Damascus is usually sunny.

But there are days, such as today and most days, when there's nowhere else I'd rather be, swaddled in the soft virtues of Vancouver.

And I've felt the same way on an outdoor patio in the Beach or running along the Bow River in the sunshine, seconds from downtown.

Think about it. Three of the world's most livable cities, according to a reliable source, are in Canada. Only Australia, with four, does better.

And isn't that what we all want? A well-rounded diet of livability? If Vancouver were a vegetable it would be kale. Toronto's already got Cabbagetown. And in Calgary, fries are a vegetable, aren't they?

We must be doing something right. As we go forward into an uncertain future, it would be a good idea to remember that.

Wash your faces

Workers clean a clock face on the Elizabeth Tower of the Houses of Parliament on Tuesday. Workers are cleaning the four faces of the Great Clock, some 60 metres above ground. OLI SCARFF/GETTY IMAGES

Time stops as Great Clock gets a scrub-down

The clock face of the Elizabeth Tower, which houses the famous Big Ben bell in London, U.K., is being cleaned.

The bell will continue to chime, but the hands are frozen at 12 o'clock while four cleaners abseil down the front of the clock face. The tower was renamed Elizabeth Tower after the Queen to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee. Big Ben is actually only the bell, but many know the landmark by this name. BBC.COM

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The less we say about this segment from "just another pawn show," the better. So instead, we're going to arm you with a few basic facts:
1) It's a commercial for next week's broadcast of the Emmys.
2) The dependably hilarious Julia Louis-Dreyfus is frustrated.
3) Most importantly, Breaking Bad BFFs (it's complicated) Bryan Cranston and Aaron Paul reunite, which likely explains the warm feeling that mysteriously washed over you yesterday afternoon. (YouTube/Television Academy)

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Sin City: A cast to kill for

Going Gaga. Co-director Robert Rodriguez isn't the first to add a famous musician to an already star-studded cast

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Robert Rodriguez, co-director of Sin City: A Dame to Kill For, has assembled an impressive cast of marquee names for the long awaited followup to 2005's Sin City.

Actors like Jessica Alba, Rosario Dawson and Bruce Willis are returning from the first instalment, while newcomers to the series include Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Eva Green and Josh Brolin.

Rodriguez welcomes back another name, Lady Gaga, who he first cast in Machete Kills.

"When I asked if she was interested in acting she said, 'I studied acting and I always wanted to be in one of your movies because of the theatricality and the showmanship."

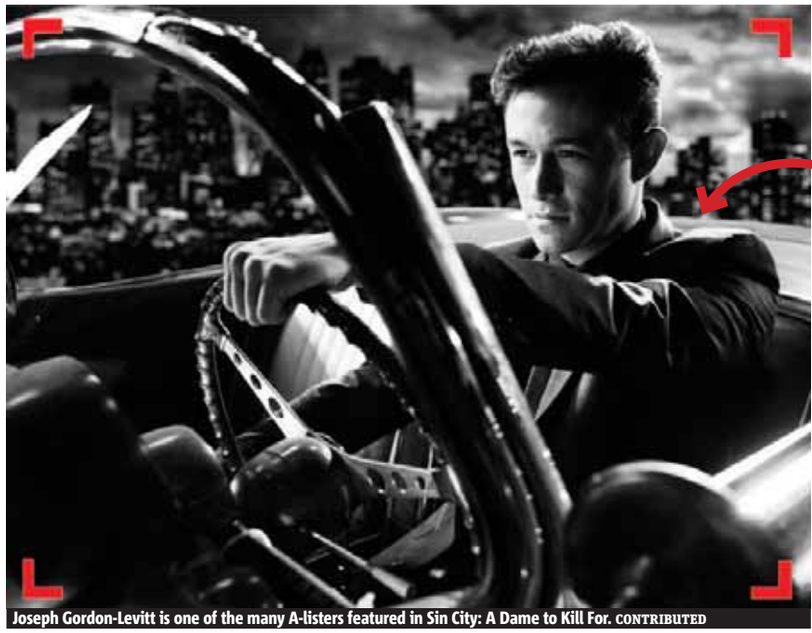
When she finished shooting her role of a deadly assassin in Machete Kills, Rodriguez tweeted, "Holy Smokes. Blown away!" and promptly cast the singer in A Dame to Kill For.

For years, directors have looked to musicians to bring their natural charisma to the screen. Perhaps no one more than Nicolas Roeg has explored the potential for rock stars to become movie stars. "They have," he said, "a greater ability to light up the screen than actors."

In 1970 Roeg and co-director Donald Cammell made the psychedelic crime drama Performance, starring Mick Jagger in his first on screen role. The Rolling Stone played the mysterious Mr. Turner, a jaded former rock star who gives shelter to a violent East London gangster (James Fox). In 2009 Film Comment declared Mick Jagger's Turner the best performance by a musician in a movie.

Next came The Man Who Fell to Earth, an existential sci-fi film about an extra-terrestrial named Thomas Jerome Newton, starring David Bowie in his feature film debut. Roeg says he "really came to believe that Bowie was a man who had come to Earth from another galaxy. He seemed to be alone — which is what Newton is in the film — isolated and alone."

Finally, in Bad Timing, Art Garfunkel of Simon and Garfunkel, stars as a professor living in Vienna whose sadistic relationship with a pill-addicted woman (Theresa Russell) ends with a battle for her life. The sexually explicit film was difficult for the actors, and at one point Garfunkel even wanted out. He stayed on, delivering a performance that the New York Times called "very credible."



Joseph Gordon-Levitt is one of the many A-listers featured in Sin City: A Dame to Kill For. CONTRIBUTED

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Profile

Alba doesn't mind being on call for Rodriguez

Jessica Alba has gotten used to vague phone calls from director Robert Rodriguez, the Austin-based auteur who has made a habit of putting Alba in his films.

"He calls me up and he is like, 'Can you come shoot this little thing?' And I'm like, OK, what is it?' 'Well, it's just this little movie, just come down for a couple of days,'" Alba says. "That is just what he does, and I am there. I show up every time because it is so inspiring to be in his world, his universe."

Sin City: A Dame to Kill For marks Alba's second time taking on Nancy, a hard-luck stripper with revenge on her mind. One thing she's learned from her time working with Rodriguez is that he's not big on giving her a head start, so she has to take matters into her own hands. "They snuck the script to me," she says. "I knew Robert was going to call me on Monday and ask me to show up on Thursday and I wouldn't have any time to prepare."

GETTY IMAGES

"... I worked with an acting coach to kind of get in that head space. I am a mom, I have two kids, I run a company. I am not like this, you know, drunk stripper girl. So I needed to work on it." NED EHRBAR

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Out of a dark tunnel and into the light

Dan Boeckner. B.C. songwriter's new band and music is bright, hooky and danceable

Dan Boeckner, seen here in 2013 playing with Divine Fits, is starting yet again. The B.C.-raised musician and former Wolf Parade singer has a new band called Operators, and he's bullish on their debut EP. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Should Dan Boeckner ever want to place himself at a particular point in his life, he needs only to pluck one of his records off the shelf.

With mid-'00s indie innovators Wolf Parade, his cage-rattling howls were "reflective of being in British Columbia in a small town," he explains.

In his next operation, the serrated synth-pop duo Handsome Furs, he and ex-wife Alexei Perry performed libidinous odes to the exotic locales blurring through their tour-van window.

And his lyrically bleak contributions to his last project, the sinewy Britt Daniel collaboration Divine Fits, were admittedly coloured by the breakup of that marriage.

"Divine Fits was essentially a breakup record," he said on the line from South Dakota, between gigs on tour with Future Islands. "My life took a major, 180-degree turn, and it was catharsis."

If applying that theory to his latest project, a recently released EP by a band he's fronting called Operators, it would seem that Boeckner has navigated his way out of that tunnel and into the warm sunlight.

Sure, the five songs collected on the band's inaugural release are nervy and tense, but they're also bright, hooky and unabashedly danceable to an extent his more jarring Handsome Furs compositions never quite managed.

And indeed, the sunnyish tunes reflect a fertile period in Boeckner's life following a move to San Jose, Calif.

"In the last year or so, writing these songs has been the most productive, creative period of my life," said the 36-year-old, who grew up in Lake Cowichan, B.C.

"I got settled with myself. I came out of that period with Divine Fits feeling good, and I had kind of a breakthrough musically with the type of material I was writing and how I was putting it together."

Mostly gone are the guitars, as Boeckner — increasingly adept with synths, sequencers and other electronics — burrowed deeply as a listener into U.K. underground electronic, acid house and disco. So Ancient is built on a "mutated acid house riff, kind of melted down in the sequencer" and first single, True, struts to a vibrant groove.

The whole album is likely more gleefully enthusiastic than anything Boeckner's done, and there's an increased immediacy in some of the hooks. And it was intentional.

"When I'm writing, there's this thing I try to ignore, which is the imagined audience," he said. "For me, they're a roomful of people and, in my mind, they know everything I've done and they like specific things and those things happen to line up with what I like best.

"It's totally unrealistic. It's a fantasy. And I think if you start writing for these people, second-guessing yourself, you've blown it right off the bat.

"So with this record I thought, if something was really poppy ... it stays. If it feels good, it stays on the record."

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New direction

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Dan Boeckner, Operators
On his band's recently released EP, which is called EP1

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The Word

This is so not what we thought Matthew would be packin'

NED EHRBAR
Metro in Hollywood

This is of great cultural significance, so pay attention: Matthew McConaughey has officially vouched for the fanny pack, so it's cool again (if it was ever cool). The Dallas Buyers Club star wore one to a Red Sox-Astros game recently — and even defended the accessory to CSN Houston's Julia Morales. "I'm not afraid of the fanny pack," McConaughey said. "You've got to kind of put it on the side to make it look a little not as nerdy, but still, practicality wins out. I got so much gear in here that I don't want in my pockets." Hoo boy. I mean, I know McConaughey is a dad now, but I had no idea he was such, you know, a ... dad.

On the plus side, if they really do become popular again, we'll have a whole new round of explaining why the name makes British people titter.

Ellen DeGeneres and Portia de Rossi ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Skywriting's the limit as Ellen and Portia celebrate their sixth anniversary

If there's one thing famous people are good at, it's setting unrealistic expectations for us normal folks. Case in point: Anyone having an anniversary soon, since Portia de Rossi went and set the bar way too high in celebrating her sixth anniversary with wife Ellen DeGeneres.

The talk show host posted a photo of the two smiling underneath the skywriting de Rossi had ordered for the day, with clouds spelling out "six." Skywriting! How are a nice dinner and some lotto tickets supposed to look after skywriting has been offered up as an option? Sheesh.

James Franco

In a Moby Dick move, Franco gets naked for ALS Ice Bucket Challenge

Getting a little tired of those ALS Ice Bucket Challenge videos? Well, don't worry, because James Franco is here to keep things interesting. Hollywood's reigning enfant terrible got doused in a shower and passed the challenge on to Zach Braff, Keegan Allen and Joey King by way of a piece of paper shielding his naked crotch. Classy, Jim. Though, to be fair, he wasn't completely naked. Never one to pass up a good literary reference or bad pun, Franco wore a "Moby Dick" T-shirt. Thar she blows, indeed.

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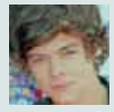

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Never too old to travel

Peregrine Adventures has recently arrived in Canada, offering travel treks that "get under the skin of a destination" for those 50 and over. Small-group trips zero in on staple spots like Peru and Turkey, plus more far-flung regions like Azerbaijan, Algeria, Namibia and the company's inaugural Canadian offering: a 14-day North Korea expedition. Operating since 1978, Peregrine has been taking the more "contemplative" crowd on adventure tours to more than 80 countries on seven continents. Local guides, private transportation, the works. Visit PeregrineAdventures.com. DOUG WALLACE/METRO

Deal

Banff or bust

Little known fact: The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise offers the sixth and seventh nights free when you book five nights there. This Stay & Play package also comes with a $350 resort credit (per room) that you can use toward any of the hotel's Mountain Heritage Program activities (guided hiking, canoeing), at the spa or any of the eight hotel restaurants. This is a $900+ value.

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France. Camp by the sea, not by the Champs-Élysées

Think camping is a Canadian pastime? In the land of Chanel, countless French families celebrate summer in the great outdoors at 10,000 campsites nationwide, half of Europe's total.

It's rural France at its most flexible and relaxed. Options range from frugal to fabulous. Pack a tent, fly into any French airport, rent a car and head out.

One such campground is the Ile de Re on the mid-Atlantic coast. The cost starts at 16 euro ($21.50) with a bridge toll.

Re is best seen by bicycle.

The island, 30 kilometres long and 5 kilometres wide, is flat as a pancake with one of Europe's most extensive bicycling networks.

Paved paths run through salt beds and vineyards. Haggle at rental bike shops in one of the 10 villages, not at the campsite, to save money.

You can camp beside the beach on Re's sandy south coast.

Nature here is genuinely wild: At high tide, the sand's been swallowed up; six hours later, you can walk a half kilometre into the Atlantic, in bath-like calm, before your feet leave the muddy sand.

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Enjoying Lisbon's many luxuries in 48 hours

Portugal. Short on time? You can still lose yourself in this city — just make a promise you'll return for more

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To make it in Lisbon, you need two things: a supernatural pair of walking shoes and an appetite for cod and green wine.

I had both, but fresh off the airport shuttle and wandering around the waffle-like Baixa neighbourhood — a jumble of criss-crossed streets — I'd also need to be OK with being comically lost all the time. Somewhere around here was a boutique hostel that would be my base for two days.

I'd been told that the Baixa's Living Lounge was a trailblazer in a city-wide hostel movement that has afforded travellers with such high standards that hostels have become synonymous with hotels. Once I'd located the second-floor hostel, slung my large backpack into a luggage-only elevator and waited for my room in a pristine living area with high ceilings, I understood why.

Later, in search of my first meal, recommended to me by the hostel owner, I slid along Rua da Prata's glossy mosaic tiles until the towering Arch of Triumph — a gateway to the Praça do Comércio or "Trade Square" — took my breath away. The majestic arch overlooks the river, and I walked along the Avenue Ribeira das Naus delighted to see the sidewalk slope into the waters of the Rio Tejo.

Eventually, I found the unassuming Solar do Kadete, where the owners were cooking seafood on a blackened grill. Seated under a grubby white awning, my cravings were sated with the grilled bacalhau (cod) and vinho verde (green wine, due to its young age). After lunch, I ventured into the Bairro Alto, a hilly neighbourhood where yellow trams tremble through cobbled streets. Between the churches and viewpoints, there was enough here to pass an afternoon before dinner in the nearby Cais do Sodré area, where the fishing equipment shop-turned-restaurant Sol e Pesca offers hundreds of colourful tins of sardines and tuna.

Lisbon's Arch of Triumph is sure to take your breath away. ISTOCK

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The next morning, I took a bus west of downtown to the Belém district, where among the vestiges of Portugal's prosperity as a colonial power was the 177-year-old Casa Pastéis de Belém, the birthplace of the Portuguese custard tart, or pastel de nata. It's not that I didn't value the Belém tower's river views; I just appreciated a freshly baked nata so much more. That night, I was back in the Bairro, sipping Darjeeling and nursing blistered feet at the Pavilhão Chinês (Chinese Pavilion). What had once been a grocery store was now an iconic bar with five rooms chock-full of the owner's collections of model warplanes, Japanese fans and inordinate kitsch in between. There was something for everyone in this bar. It figured.

Futuristic travel gadgets

Every day there seems to be a new gizmo or gadget ready to make travel easier. From the far-fetched to the practical, here are three quirky innovations that are buzz-worthy.

ON THE MOVE
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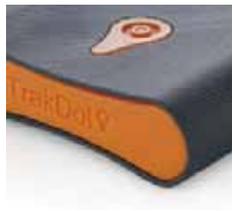
Botlr, at your service

This week Botlr, a robotic hotel butler, has started delivering items to guests at the Aloft hotel in Cupertino, Calif. This charismatic cyber employee is professionally dressed in a custom shrink-wrapped, vinyl collared uniform and nametag. According to parent company, Starwood Hotels & Resorts, Botlr, which bears a resemblance to R2-D2, has the work ethic of Wall-E and the humour of Rosie from The Jetsons.

Never lose your luggage again

Trakdot's luggage tracking system is designed for people who fret about the whereabouts of their luggage. Place the device in your luggage and it constantly monitors the cellular network to determine its city location. When you fly, Trakdot goes to sleep and upon arrival it wakes up and reports its new location. You will then receive a text message or email confirming your luggage has arrived.



Keep an eye on home from afar

Dropcam is a cloud-based Wi-Fi video monitoring service with free live streaming, two-way talk and remote viewing that keeps you connected. Accessible from pretty much anywhere, it allows you to check in on your house, pets and plants while travelling. It connects to the web from your laptop or smartphone. It continuously records video and sends you alerts if it picks up strange noises.

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Get out and gab your way to greatness

A secret society of success. There's a hidden job market out there. Are you in on it?

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Putting yourself out there is tough. Meeting new people is intimidating, networking is exhausting, and you can't shake the fear that your attempts to meet new people are perceived as annoying.

However, roughly 80 per cent of jobs are never even advertised, which means that creating your own opportunities is a great way to build your career — but where do you start? How can you successfully master this market and push yourself forward (without being, well, pushy)?

Get the right attitude

You won't get anywhere if you're held back by doubt. Yes, networking can be awkward, and looking for new opportunities around every corner may make you feel like a creep.

Remember, if you approach each situation in a clear and direct way, no reasonable person will find your requests for information or inquiries off-putting.

Tip: It's good to be prepared for a certain amount of disinterest. Some people just won't want to engage with you — and that's OK.

Volunteering introduces you to a whole new pool of people. If there's a particular organization you're interested in working with, get in touch and ask them how to go about volunteering your time. ISTOCK

Give as much as you take

Leveraging your contacts is a great way to find out about opportunities.

Not only will you benefit from an expanded network, you'll have a decent chance of a referral or "in" in the form of your connection!

However, you can't ask for favours without being willing to dish out yourself. Want to take someone for coffee to pick their brain? Have something to offer in return.

Tip: Don't just blindly suggest lunches to every contact you know. Have a question they can specifically answer, or seek information they in particular can provide you with.

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Skype has made connecting with colleagues from afar much simpler. ISTOCK

Because of the increased globalization of the business world, it's not unusual for many office workers to have colleagues who live in far-flung places around the world.

But constantly video-conferencing and emailing with people you may never meet in person has its challenges, especially if you know nothing about the cultural mores of your new colleagues. In her new book, The Culture Map: Breaking Through the Invisible Boundaries of Global Business, author and business professor Erin Meyer provides readers with a blueprint for navigating the sometimes-rocky road of cross-cultural business relations.

"What I say to my MBA students is that if you want to be successful in the future, you have to develop the skills to understand and ask the question: 'How do I motivate my employees in different parts of the world?'" says Meyer.

Uncertain about how you can develop a successful partnership with a team of software engineers in India or a group of accountants in Sweden? Meyer says that a good manager can make things run smoothly despite been oceans away.

Converse with care

> **"People love to talk about cultural differences, as long as you make it sound like you think the other culture is positive and you talk your own culture in a humble way."**
> Erin Meyer
> Author and professor

Know when to call and when to email

"If you can talk over the phone in order to build up that initial connection before you move to email, that's always better," says Meyer. "And even better than that is if you can do Skype, because once people have seen your face, then you can use that opportunity to get to know them a little bit and then you can move to more task-oriented media like email."

Try to break the ice

Sometimes it's not possible to ever meet your co-workers face-to-face, but that doesn't mean you can't make a connection. Meyer shares a story of how one manager broke the ice with his team of young Indian programmers by sending them YouTube videos of the latest pop songs, saying, "I love this song, this is what I love about it, it's really hot in India right now — what do you think?" explains Meyer.

Acknowledge your mistakes

Unintentionally making an offensive remark happens, but there are ways to fix the damage. It is key to acknowledge your clumsiness and be open to change. Meyer says one of the managers she talked to won his team over with honestly. "It just didn't occur to us that people in other parts of the world might be more focused on giving a softer relationship approach to things," he says.

Don't be afraid to ask about cultural differences

Sometimes the best way to avoid a cultural conflict is to simply talk to a trusted colleague about what you should do. "People love to talk about cultural differences, as long as you make it sound like you think the other culture is positive and you talk your own culture in a humble way," says Meyer.

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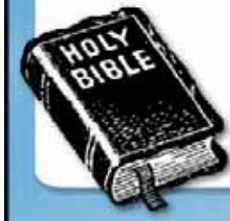

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When the clock strikes

It's time to talk about it. Succeeding at both work and play without compromising the quality of either one

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Time: It's limited, but it's yours to use wisely. ISTOCK

People tend to associate busy with stressful. However, busy is also beautiful because it can mean that a person has found multiple hobbies, people and causes to be passionate about — to the point that they want to make time for all of them.

We've all heard the saying, "If you want something done, give it to a busy person."

Busy people are busy because they know how to prioritize and manage these multiple priorities.

From getting As on essays to working your way up in the workplace to staying in shape and maintaining friendships — it's easy to overload your plate. Plus, you've still got to sleep and eat and find time to pick up the phone and call Grandma.

So how do you manage it all properly?

Be realistic

You can't do everything, but you can do a lot.

You just need to take a good hard look at where your time is going (and where it should be going). If you're thinking of taking a 6 a.m. kickboxing class before work, look at what you're doing around 10 p.m. each night.

Are you wasting an hour scrolling through Facebook? If so, cut that, and head to bed early so you can tack this class onto your list.

If you're using your evening to get readings done, perhaps this isn't something you can cut — meaning the kickboxing class might have to take a backseat for the time being.

Tip: Schedule in your biggest priorities first — everything else gets bonus time.

Love what you're doing

We all have to do things we don't want to do (a.k.a. every first year psych assignment that was ever invented), but surround these things with things you love doing.

- Find classes you enjoy.
- Surround yourself with people you genuinely care about.
- Find passion in your work.

To put it simply, if you look forward to your life every day, your "busy" will get a lot less stressful.

Tip: Find ways to love the things you have to do, be it taking interesting electives or timing your commute so you're with your friend rather than your iPod.

Gimme a break

Your body (and your brain) need fuel in order to be productive

So, take the time to top up. This can be as simple as drinking lots of water, or taking coffee breaks to get outside for a minute and feel those golden rays. Or, buckle down even more and try things like turning your phone on silent and checking it every few hours instead of constantly glancing over and getting lost in distraction.

Knowing you have a break (and some caffeine) in your future makes your work time that much more productive — meaning you get done faster and that final break can last a whole lot longer.

Tip: Consider your brain to be like an eight-hour workday. At work you get multiple breaks to take a few minutes to yourself, rejuvenate, and fuel up. Your brain needs the same treatment in order to stay sharp and productive.

Get creative

Call your Mom on your walk to work.

Utilize your time on public transit to read the paper or memorize your lines for the school musical.

Sign up for a volleyball team with your friends, combining workout time with social time.

Move your "bedtime" up a half-hour so you have a half-hour allotted for that book you've been meaning to read. Find ways to utilize the time you naturally have, and your To Do list just got cut in half.

Tip: Find ways to fill your "hidden time" — leaving your real time open for the things you really want to do.

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Cinnamon twirls crown a cobbler

Stovetop Mixed Berry Cobbler. Traditionally topped with pastry, this cobbler comes with a cinnamon pastry twist

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Market time is always the best time because you can find delicious and local produce you will want to incorporate into one of your meals right away!

Be sure to look around your city for various farmers' markets and find out what's best and in season right now.

Talk to the vendors — they always have great recommendations on what to do with in-season produce.

Check city hall, libraries or community centres as well as farms to find out when these markets are on and what they will be bringing that week.

In Canada, we are lucky that at certain times of the summer we can combine some wonderful produce to make awesome stir-fries, soups, pastas and, of course, dessert!

Seasonal fruit is a great way to enjoy dessert through the week and, of course, planning ahead will allow you to sneak in a little more sweet treat into this bowl of goodness.

Take a mix of fresh berries, for example, and create an easy Stovetop Cobbler that will combine the best of summer flavours.

This cobbler is great on its own, with ice cream or with the cinnamon twirl sticks in the recipe.

Cobblers usually have the pastry right on top of the fruit. This recipe leaves the pastry off to the side so you can see the vibrant colour of the berries.

A crisp puff pastry cinnamon stick is the perfect choice. You can make the cinnamon sticks ahead of time and crisp them up again in the oven before serving the cobbler.

Cooking the berries on the stove helps retain their juiciness and their shape.

You can also try combining some chopped fresh peaches or plums with the strawberries. Simply make sure the total amount is 5 cups (1.25 l) of fruit.

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Ingredients

Cinnamon Sticks
- 1 pkg (400 g) frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) butter, softened
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) ground cinnamon

Cobbler
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) butter
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) granulated sugar
- 2 cups (500 ml) sliced fresh strawberries
- 2 cups (500 ml) fresh blueberries
- 1 cup (250 ml) fresh blackberries
- 1 tsp (5 ml) ground cardamom or cinnamon
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) cornstarch
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) orange liqueur or juice

This recipe makes six servings. EMILY RICHARDS

Directions

1. Cinnamon Sticks: On lightly floured surface, roll out frozen puff pastry to 14 inch by 11 inch (35 cm x 28 cm) rectangle. Spread the pastry evenly with butter. Sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon. Fold pastry over and roll gently to push together. Cut into 16 strips and twist each strip to place on parchment paper lined baking sheet. Bake in 425 F (220 C) oven for about 15 minutes or until golden brown. Set aside.

2. Cobber: In a large shallow saucepan, melt the butter and granulated sugar over medium heat. Add the strawberries, blueberries, blackberries and cardamom or cinnamon.

3. Bring to a simmer, stirring occasionally for about 10 minutes or until berries release juices and soften slightly. Whisk the cornstarch and orange liqueur together and stir into berry mixture and cook for 1 minute or until thickened.

4. Serve the Stovetop Mixed Berry Cobbler with cinnamon sticks.

SPORTS 4

Bertuzzi, Moore reach settlement

Just before trial. Ten years after fateful hit, former players agree on undisclosed deal

In this 2004 file photo, Steve Moore listens to a question during a news conference in Toronto. A settlement has been reached in Moore's lawsuit against Todd Bertuzzi. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A settlement has been reached in Steve Moore's lawsuit against NHL forward Todd Bertuzzi, more than 10 years after the infamous on-ice attack ended Moore's career.

Geoff Adair, a lawyer for Bertuzzi, confirmed the case has been "settled in its totality," but said the terms are confidential.

The multimillion-dollar lawsuit had been scheduled to go to trial Sept. 8.

"We are pleased that the resolution of this matter allows the parties to turn the page and look to the future," NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly said in an email.

Media reports later Tuesday suggested there was a snag in finalizing the deal, but Adair did not respond to followup requests for comment.

Messages seeking comment from Moore's lawyer, Bertuzzi's agent and the Canucks were not returned.

The notorious hit happened on March 8, 2004. Bertuzzi, then playing for the Vancouver Canucks, hit Moore from behind, sending the Colorado Avalanche rookie crashing face-first to the ice and leaving him with a concussion and fractured vertebrae.

Moore alleged the Canucks had put a bounty on his head following his check that injured their captain Markus Naslund. Bertuzzi pleaded guilty to criminal assault causing bodily harm for the hit and was sentenced in December 2004 to one year probation and 80 hours of community service.

There has been years of legal wrangling since then. The civil case was filed in Ontario court in 2006 but was marred by several delays.

Moore, now 35, never fully recovered from his injuries and was unable to continue his career. In an interview earlier this year, he told The Canadian Press he still suffers from headaches and low energy. He said in the March interview, just a day before the 10th anniversary of the incident, that the lawsuit was not so much about the money as being compensated for the loss of his dreams.

"I lost my entire career in my rookie year," he said. "I can't recover my career, the experience of living out my dream from the time I was 2-1/2 years old of playing in the NHL."

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CFL Awards

Logan named defensive player of the week

B.C. running back Stefan Logan was named CFL offensive player of the week Tuesday after rushing for a career-high 145 yards and scoring a touchdown in the Lions' 33-17 victory over Toronto.

Logan, who averaged 7.6 yards per carry, also caught five passes for 49 yards in last week's win at Rogers Centre.

Teammate Tim Brown took the special teams honour after recording 249 return yards. He returned 10 punts for 169 yards and three kickoffs for 80 yards.

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Nashville beats Canada 12-9

Sam Slaughter homered twice and drove in six runs to help Nashville, Tennessee, beat Canada 12-9 in a consolation game Tuesday at the Little League World Series.

The catcher hit three-run homers in the first and fifth innings, while third baseman Blake Money hit a solo shot in the fifth.

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In Philadelphia

Mariners beat Phillies 5-2

Hisashi Iwakuma struck out a season-high 11 batters in eight scoreless innings and Kyle Seager homered to lead the Seattle Mariners to a 5-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Tuesday night.

Mike Zunino was 0-for-17 before getting two hits and driving in two runs. The Mariners have won 11 of their last 14.

Iwakuma (12-6) was masterful while allowing four hits and no walks. Since July 1, the right-hander is 7-2 with a 1.63 ERA, 65 strikeouts and four walks in 72 innings over 10 starts.

The Phillies, who have scored three runs or less 65 times this season, got just one batter to second base against Iwakuma. They have lost six of their last eight. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Slump continues. Fiers and Brewers dominate Blue Jays in 6-1 victory

Mike Fiers pitched seven dominant innings and Jonathan Lucroy and Aramis Ramirez each had a pair of doubles as the Milwaukee Brewers defeated the Toronto Blue Jays 6-1 on Tuesday night in Milwaukee.

In his third start since being recalled from Triple-A Nashville on Aug. 9, Fiers (3-1) held the Blue Jays to two hits and one run and retired the final 18 batters he faced in a 106-pitch outing. Fiers, who posted a career-high 14 strikeouts while pitching six innings in a win over the Chicago Cubs in his previous start on Thursday, struck out six and walked one.

He has given up two runs over his three starts.

Milwaukee won its fifth consecutive game. The Blue Jays have lost six of seven.

The Brewers jumped on Toronto starter J.A. Happ (8-8) immediately, belting three doubles to take a 2-0 lead in the first inning.

Milwaukee Brewers starting pitcher Mike Fiers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Blue Jays got on the board in the second on Munenori Kawasaki's RBI ground out.

The Brewers added two doubles in the third to extend their lead to 4-1. Milwaukee hitters connected for another pair of doubles in the fifth and added two more runs, staking Fiers to a five-run lead.

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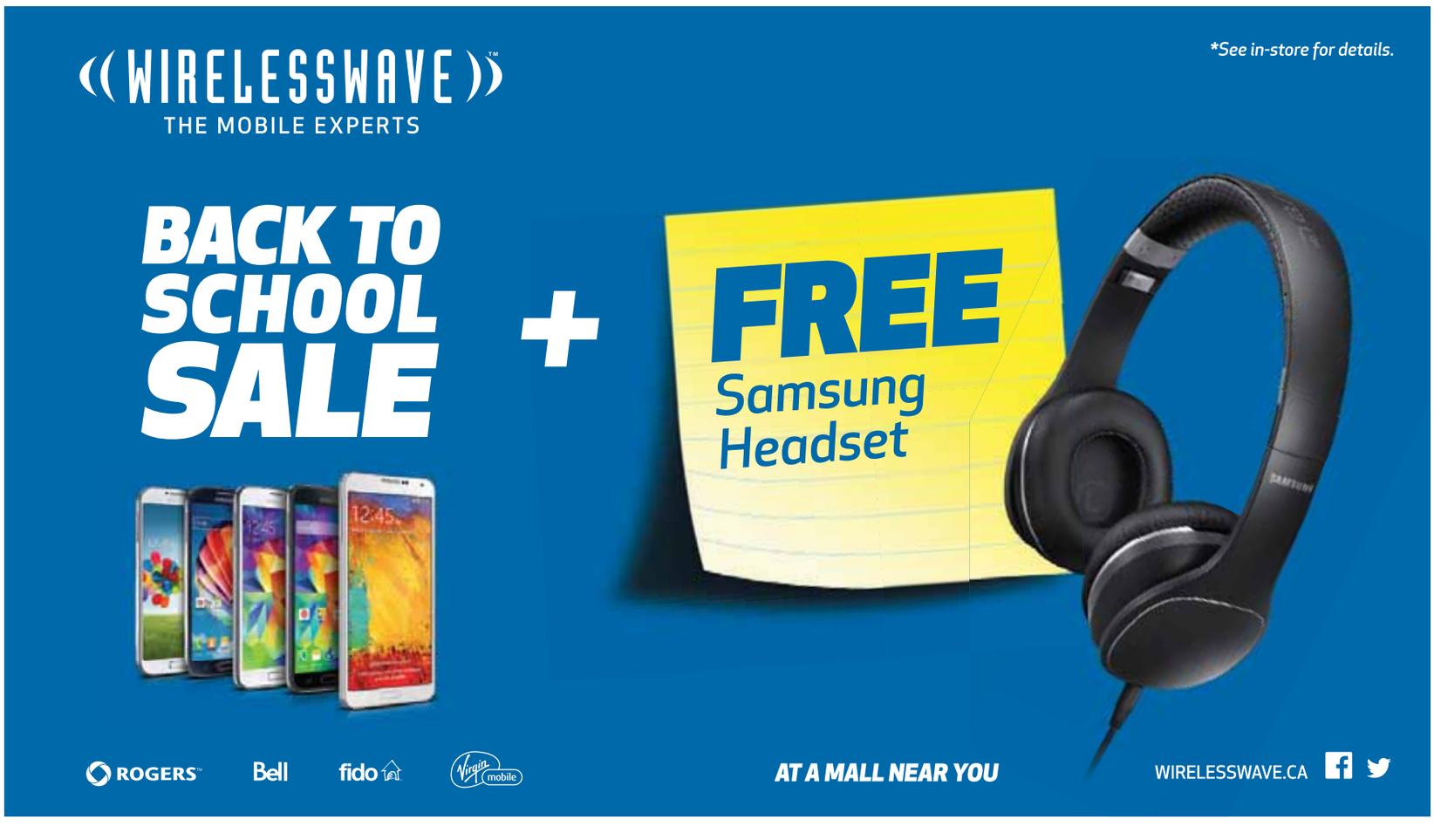

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2014 Dodge Caravan

- **Type:** Four-door, front-wheel-drive full-size minivan
- **Engine:** 3.6-litre V6 (283 hp)
- **Transmission:** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price:** $27,995 (plus destination)

Market position

Most automakers have abandoned minivans, but they're still practical for many buyers. Most find them easier to access than a crossover or SUV, especially if you have a lot of people and cargo.

Points

- The third row folds flat in the floor, and can also be flipped backwards for "tailgate seating" when the van is parked and the liftgate is up.
- An Eco setting adjusts the engine and transmission response for improved fuel economy, although it diminishes performance.
- The dash-mounted shift lever allows for more cargo space in the centre console.

The front seats are set high and forward, so check your leg room.

Interesting features

Fold-into-the-floor second-row seats; trailer sway control; easy-clean floor mats; driver's knee airbag; tire pressure warning; available heated steering wheel.

Pioneer still leads pack

Review. Dodge Grand Caravan shines with its low price, convenience and multi-use interior

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Back in 1984, Chrysler wowed the auto world with its new Magic Wagon minivan. Families couldn't get enough of this practical machine and, pretty soon, just about everybody was offering one.

Eventually, though, they were displaced by the rising popularity of SUVs and crossovers. Only a few are offered today, including the original — the Dodge Grand Caravan.

It starts at $27,995 for the base Canada Value Package trim, although various incentives bring its selling price much lower. My tester was the SXT Plus, which starts at $34,495 before rebates, and includes second-row Stow 'n' Go bucket seats that fold into the floor, a feature found exclusively in Chrysler's minivans (the Grand Caravan is also sold as the upscale Chrysler Town & Country).

Mine also had such add-on options as a rear-seat DVD system, power sliding doors and liftgate, navigation, satellite radio, and a front-seat floor console with a pull-out rear storage drawer.

Those second-row seats fold into under-floor bins that can be used for hidden storage when the seats are upright, but to accommodate them, the front seats are set forward and high. I didn't have any issues, but my taller husband complained that his knees were too close to the dash. Check the fit of all front-seat folks before you sign on the dotted line.

All Grand Caravans use a 3.6-litre V6 engine that makes a healthy 283 horsepower, and does a great job of moving the van around, even when it's fully packed with passengers and gear.

It's mated exclusively to a six-speed automatic transmission. The steering is smooth and quick to respond, and is pleasant to drive, and although the ride's slightly harsher than that of its Japanese rivals, it's still OK.

The Grand Caravan scores well with a starting price below its rivals, its easily configurable interior, and lots of convenience features to make it easy to get the family where everyone needs to go. Minivans may not be as popular anymore, but they're still just as useful.

Compare

1 Toyota Sienna
Base price: $29,120
The smooth-riding Sienna is the only minivan that can be ordered with all-wheel-drive.

2 Honda Odyssey
Base price:$31,078
Honda's V6 engine shuts off some of its cylinders when cruising for fuel economy.

3 Ford Transit Connect
Base price: $30,499
Ford outfits cargo van with windows, seats and features as a minivan alternative.

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Car-bike turf wars destined to heat up

Autopilot. As cities work to ease gridlock and revitalize their inner cores, drivers will need to do a better job of sharing the road

AUTO PILOT
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How about that driver who was caught on camera a couple of weeks ago, driving down one of Vancouver's separated and dedicated bike lanes? I guess I laughed when I saw the video on YouTube. It had a charming Charlie Chaplin vibe I thought.

But maybe I shouldn't have laughed — the driver's actions almost caused one pedestrian and one cyclist to invest in some rural real estate ("buy the farm").

At any rate, the video got me, and a lot of others, thinking about the relationship between drivers and bicyclists. They've always had an uneasy relationship, but things are looking to get even hairier in the next few years, as cities deal with gridlock and look to revitalize their inner cores.

To that latter point, this past Sunday morning, Toronto held a pilot project called Open Streets TO, where major portions of Bloor and Yonge streets were closed to vehicle use. Similar Open Streets projects have been successful in other major cities, including New York, L.A., Paris and Mexico City.

I suspect most of the hard lines taken by either bike or car fundamentalists are a result of the nature of their relationship — the forced sharing of precious and finite resources, in this case, public pavement. Nothing like a turf war to get your guard up.

The other element at play is that serious bicyclists and dedicated motorists tend to be born that way.

There are certainly converts going either way, but car people and bike people tend to be loyal to their respective teams.

Toronto's Open Streets event closed portions of Yonge and Bloor to clear the way for pedestrians and cyclists. TORSTAR

Earlier this summer, I used my bicycle for part of my journey to Chrysler Canada, where I was to pick up a test vehicle. I arrived at the same time as fellow auto scribe David Booth. He was aghast at my choice of transport and wanted to revoke my auto journalist decoder ring.

And consider this quote from Grant Peterson, the noted American bicycling advocate, author, and proprietor of Rivendell Bicycle Works:

"Every now and then, a reporter gets a bike commuter to say high gas prices drove him to it, but I'm skeptical.

"I think most people, shot full of truth serum, would agree that even $5 per gallon is a bargain for independent travel up to at least 60 miles, with all you can fit into a car, from delicate flowers and chandeliers to infants and elderly folks. Try doing that on a bike or public transport."

He adds his bicycle-commuting ways also have nothing to do with a desire to do something green.

He does it because he doesn't like driving, but loves bicycling, and loves how it keeps him fit.

These are "personal payoffs," he says, "not philanthropic or far-seeing green ones, and I think that's the same for anybody."

If the goal is to get more people out of their cars and onto bikes, he figures it will take much more than cheerleading and current gas prices.

For the most part then, people who love cars will keep driving, and people who love bikes will keep riding.

So we have lots of work ahead, to keep them both achieving their mutual goal of getting around, along with the biker's other goal of staying out of the ER department.

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Shift: From hybrids, technology, new vehicles and the environment, to saving money at the pumps

Australian students blast their way to a new world speed record

Students at the University of New South Wales in Australia have set a new world speed record for an electric vehicle. The team's Sunswift car averaged more than 100 km/h over a distance of 500 kilometres. The previous record for an electric car over the same distance, notes emerging-technologies magazine Gizmag, was a comparatively staid 73 km/h, established 26 years ago. The record run on a 4.2-kilometre circular track at the Australian Automotive Research Centre in Victoria is pending Federation Internationale de l'Automobile verification. If confirmed, the university says it will be the first time since 1984 that an FIA world record has been set in Australia.

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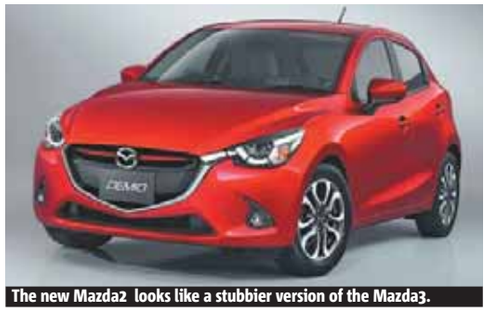
This Sunswift electric car driven by a team of students from the University of New South Wales managed to average more than 100 km/h over 500 kilometres, breaking a 26-year-old record.

Major revamp coming for Mazda2

With more than 2.4 million units sold worldwide since its 2002 debut, the Mazda2 four-door hatchback subcompact gets a major revamp for 2016. Having fully adopted Mazda's Kodo design concepts, it looks more like the Mazda3 except for size, especially up front with an over-sized grille, angled headlamps and sloped nose. The new 2 will offer buyers a choice of gasoline or diesel engines, featuring variations of Mazda's Skyactiv powertrains. Included in the mix will be a 1.5-litre diesel Skyactiv, which will generate just 105 horsepower but will spin an impressive 184 lb.-ft. of torque.



The new Mazda2 looks like a stubbier version of the Mazda3.

Shift points

- The next Toyota Prius will offer two battery choices — a low-cost nickel-hydride unit or a higher-end lithium ion pack — and possibly, reports Automotive News, an all-wheel-drive option.
- Ford is collaborating with seven automakers and 15 U.S. utilities to develop technology to allow plug-in electric vehicles to exchange information with energy providers, in an effort to prevent grid overload.
- The original 1960s Mini is the best British car ever built, says a survey of Autocar magazine readers. McLaren's F1 supercar placed second, and the Jaguar E-Type was third.

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March 21 - April 20
Keep your ideas simple today. The more complicated your plans get the more likely it is they will end in failure. You don't need to do anything out of the ordinary at the moment.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You need to give others the impression you are not the sort who can be easily manipulated. Act tough today, even if you don't feel tough inside.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
If you find yourself getting emotional for no good reason over the next 24 hours, remind yourself of all the things you have to be thankful for.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You have a lot to think about and you can't think straight with so much noise going on around you. Find a quiet space you can call your own.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
If your inner voice tells you something today you must not ignore it. No matter what everyone else may be doing, if it does not feel right to you then give it a miss.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Stay where you are and don't start anything new today. You will get your chance to shine when the Sun enters your sign on the 23rd.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Don't try to stop a friend or relative from doing something you do not approve of. Most likely it will make them even more determined to do it, just to annoy you.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Don't give up on something just because you have grown bored with it. Use your intelligence to find ways to spice them up a bit.

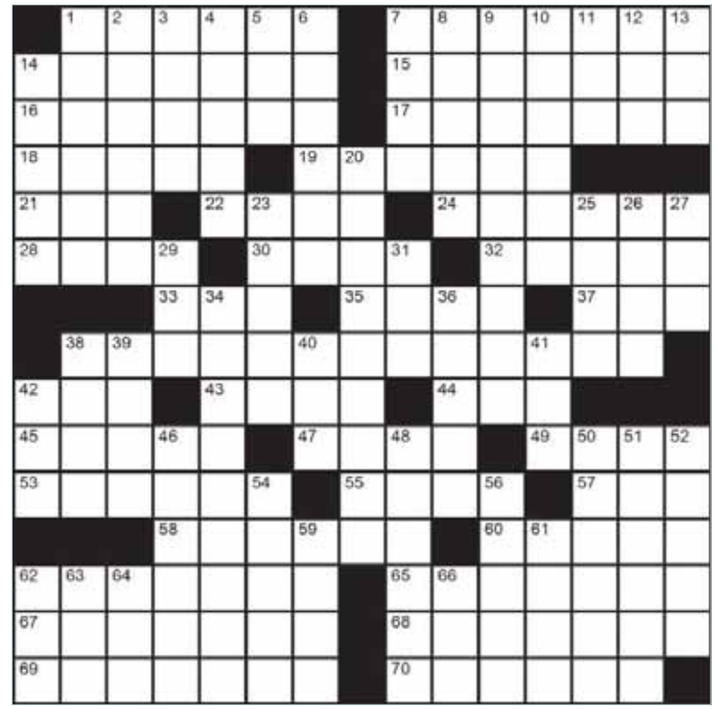
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The planets warn if you stick your nose in someone else's business you may have trouble getting it out again. Focus on what you enjoy and ignore everything else.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You appear to have pushed yourself a bit too hard of late and are beginning to feel the effects. Give yourself a break. Never mind about your work — it can wait.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
No matter what mistakes you have made, you must forgive yourself, and others, too. Grudges will hold you back.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Sometimes you can be rather stubborn and that could be a problem today if you refuse to abandon an idea that clearly is no longer worth defending.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



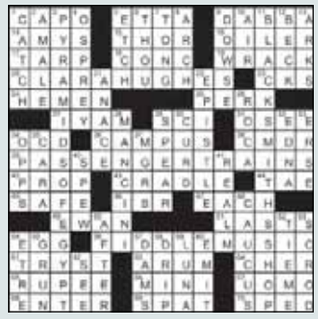
Across

1. Diner drinks
7. It's opened/closed by a driver: 2 wds.
14. Dish of the day
15. "What if God was..." Joan Osborne hit: 3 wds.
16. Julie __, Montreal-born astronaut
17. Scientific experiment critters: 2 wds.
18. Fall colour
19. Rocker Mr. Vedder's
21. Kicker's accessory
22. Sitarist, __ Shankar
24. They look like large alpacas
28. Vodka brand
30. Bartlett __
32. Movie critic Jeffrey
33. New newt
35. 1958 Leslie Caron title role
37. __ to Joy (Friedrich Schiller work)
38. 1982 Canadian slasher flick: 2 wds.
42. Ms. D'Angelo, to pals
43. Court plea, __ contendere
44. Green light buttons
45. Invigorating
47. Forecasting quotes, briefly
49. Small argument
53. Amazing store bargains
55. I, to Socrates
57. Antacid brand
58. Abhor
60. Beamed/smiled: 2 wds.
62. "__ of Alcatraz" (1962) starring Burt Lancaster
65. Lake __ (It's on the Ontario-Quebec border)
67. Cold country?
68. "__ Fringe" by Red Rider
69. It could go either way...
70. Backdrops

Down

1. Actress Sissy
2. "__ __, My My (Into the Black)" by Neil Young & Crazy Horse
3. Computer company
4. One flying a tailed toy, say
5. Gnaw
6. Vintage album's protection
7. "__ Mountain" (2003)
8. "I broke _ __!" (Manicuree's moan)
9. Arcade Fire song: "__ (Lies)"
10. Paris art museum, Musee _'__
11. Birds __ _ feather...
12. In deep sleep
13. Web feed syst. for updates
14. Commercials
20. Doctor's determination
23. Is __ __ (Most likely will)
25. Heathered expanse
26. Ampersands
27. Compass pt.
29. "Indeed!"
31. Trucking vehicle
34. Ken __, Winnipeg-born actor/filmmaker
36. Apparition
38. Green, to Gaston
39. Jazz vocalist Ms. Anderson
40. 'Tact' suffix
41. Battleship letters in The States
42. Blues guitarist Mr. King's
46. Aerosmith's "Back in the __"
48. Destroys
50. Diminutive
51. Jackal-headed Egyptian deity
52. Subject
54. TV holder
56. "Drop me _ __." (Write!)
59. Make __ meet
61. "I'd consider __ __ honour..."
62. Contracting proposal
63. Hockey surface
64. Particular political party person, puny-ly
66. Tampa Bay football player, briefly

Yesterday's Crossword



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Sudoku

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	1		5		7		6	
2								8
		6		2		4		
	8	4		7		3	5	
	6			5			4	
	2	5		1		8	9	
		2		9		6		
7								1
	9		4		8		2	

Yesterday's Sudoku

9	1	8	4	7	2	3	5	6
5	4	6	3	1	8	2	9	7
2	3	7	9	5	6	4	1	8
7	2	9	6	8	4	1	3	5
8	6	3	5	2	1	9	7	4
4	5	1	7	3	9	8	6	2
1	9	4	8	6	5	7	2	3
3	8	5	2	9	7	6	4	1
6	7	2	1	4	3	5	8	9

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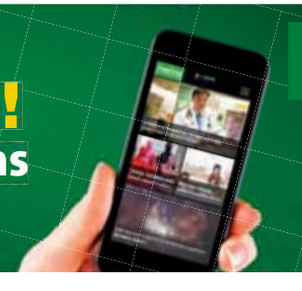

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